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In Memory of John Barge Sr.

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In Memory of John Barge Sr.

Fortified with the sacraments of the Holy Mother Church, John R. Barge, Sr. was born October 7, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Jesse and Mary (nee Audrain) Barge and passed away at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO on April 16, 2021 as the result of complications from ischemic infarctions.

John was united in matrimony to Patricia (nee Irvine) on February 12, 1972. Patti and their cherished pet therapy dog, Gertrude, survive of the home. Of their union were born two children, Margaret (Maggi) Rimel (nee Barge) of St. Louis, MO and John (Jake) Barge, Jr. (Lisa) of Sherwood, OR.

In addition to his wife and children, John had three grandchildren: Gabriel Rimel, Olivia Barge and Stella Barge. His siblings include Jesse (Cindy) Barge of Murphysboro, IL; Leila (Glenn) Caulkins (nee: Barge) of Gunnison, CO; William (Amy) Barge of St. Louis, MO; and Michael Barge of Gunnison, CO. He has several neices and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents.

John graduated from St. Louis-based Parkway Central High School in 1970 where he played on the golf and soccer teams. He earned his Eagle Scout rank at the age of 14 and served as a member of the Order of the Arrow.

John became the youngest PGA head golf professional in the history of the State of Illinois in 1975. He and his family moved to Dexter, MO in 1985 when he accepted the head golf pro and general manager position at Hidden Trails Country Club. John managed

Hidden Trails until 2003 and returned in 2009 until he retired in 2016. He was most proud of building junior golf programs and instilling in younger players a love for the game and its rules. John maintained, "if you will cheat in golf, you will cheat in life."

Outside of professional sports, John was an avid follower of the stock market and politics. He won more trivia games than he lost and was a gifted writer and orator.

A Resurrection Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, MO. The Right of Christian Burial will follow at Chalk Bluff Cemetery. A bereavement luncheon at Sacred Heart's Parish Center will conclude the day's events.

Please follow all COVID-19 guidelines. Those unable to attend can view the mass via livestream. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Nola Jean Warren Ward

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Nola Jean Warren Ward, daughter of the late Albert Warren and Gladys Dozier Warren, was born on August 26, 1934 in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on April 14, 2021 at Lexington Health Care Center in Lake Zurich, Illinois, at the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Ward was a former resident of Dexter, Missouri and attended First Baptist Church in Dexter. She was a former employee of Harris Ready Mix in Dexter and Ross Dress for Less in California.

She is survived by her son, Jim Gruman and wife Tina of Riverside, Illinois; by two daughters, Cathy Taylor and husband Mark of Florissant, Colorado, and Susan Spudis and husband Robert of Newfield, New York; by five grandchildren, Mickala Lynch, Zachary Gruman, Alex Gruman, Michelle and Ezekiel Martin, and Michael and Jessi Spudis; and by four great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Aiden, Veronica, and Rylan.

Service information will be announced later by Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

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In Memory of Jean Audrey DeJournett

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In Memory of Jean Audrey DeJournett

Jean Audrey DeJournett, 92, died April 13, 2021, in the Delta South Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Services at Sikeston, Missouri.

Born May 26, 1928, at Essex, Missouri, daughter of the late W.J. and Anna Fortner Williamson, she was a member of the South Pleasant Valley General Baptist Church near Essex.

On July 11, 1946, at Essex, Missouri, she married Lee Daniel DeJournett.

Survivors include three sons, Terry DeJournett of Starkville, Mississippi, David DeJournett of Essex, Missouri, and Larry DeJournett of Oakland, Tennessee; one grandchild, and one great-grandchild.

Three sisters, Rachel Smith, Ruth Fulkerson, and Lorene Barker and five brothers, Bill Williamson, Bob Williamson, Marion Williamson, Parvin Williamson, and Marvin Williamson, all preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, April 16, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. James Malloy officiating. Burial will follow in the Triplett Cemetery near Essex.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Elizabeth Alice Eagle

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In Memory of Elizabeth Alice Eagle

Elizabeth Alice Eagle, daughter of the late Charles Gilbert Gales and Elizabeth Keaton Gales, was born on December 9, 1948 in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on April 12, 2021 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Eagle was a former certified nursing assistant at Golden Living Center in Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

She is survived by two sons, Aaron McBroom and Adam Eagle both of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Gillian Cagle and husband Ray of Rogersville, Missouri and Chelsee Stephens and husband Terry Jr. of Chaffee, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Trevor Burnham of Aurora, Illinois, Johnna McBroom of Owaso, Michigan, Alyssa Stephens and Brysen McFarlen both of Chaffee, Missouri; and by her significant other, Jesse Pritchard of Dexter, Missouri.

No services are currently planned.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Daniel Michael Long

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Daniel Michael Long, 72, of Essex, Missouri was born to the late Theron Cleveland and Edna Marie Robinson Long on August 6, 1949 in Essex, Missouri and passed away on February 10, 2021 in Essex, Missouri.

Mike had been a resident of Essex, Missouri for over thirty years he also lived in Texas. He retired from Amco metal industrial manufacturer in Sikeston as a machinist and enjoyed fishing, gardening and tinkering around with different things.

Surviving are his two sons Thomas Michael Long of Essex, Missouri and Darrol Lynn Long of Branson, Missouri; three brothers Ernie Long of Essex, Missouri, Darrol Long of Fulton, Missouri and Robin Long of Essex, Missouri; three sisters Shannon Heilman of Bloomfield, Missouri Sandra Mowry of Cherryville, Missouri Patricia Charest of St. Louis, Missouri; one grandson; A host of family and friends nieces and nephews also survive.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sister.

Visitation will be held Thursday April 15, 2021 from 12:00 until 1:30 pm at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Interment will be in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, with full military honors.

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